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Title:	METHOD FOR FORMULATING AND IMMOBILIZING A PROTEIN MATRIX AND A PROTEIN MATRIX FOR USE IN A SENSOR		

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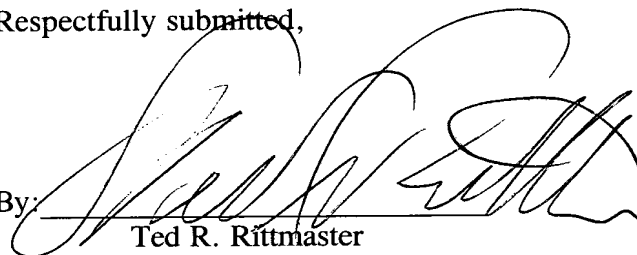
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